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IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Currently Amended) An ostomy appliance comprising:

a base plate, said base plate having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter and an adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest;

a receiving bag releasably and reattachably attached to the base plate, said receiving bag having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and a receiving bag bottom portion which defines a distal-most part of said receiving bag relative to said second hole; and

a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving bag and being releasably attachable and reattachable to the base plate in a first coupling area by a first coupling component, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and the receiving bag being releasably and reattachably attachable to the base plate by a second coupling component, the first coupling component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for releasable

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sealing against a second surface of the base plate facing away from the user, said inner bag liner having folds along a plurality of folding lines such that said inner bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being provided between the third hole and an inner bag liner bottom portion which defines a distal-most part of the inner bag liner relative to the third hole both when the inner bag liner is folded and when the inner bag liner is fully unfolded inside the receiving bag to reach a distal-most position relative to said third hole so that, when the bag is empty and in said compacted condition, said inner bag liner bottom portion is in a folded position adjacent said third hole such that initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter will push against said inner bag liner bottom portion thus causing said folds to unfold so that said inner bag liner bottom portion moves away from said folded position adjacent the third hole to said distal-most position relative to said third hole as the inner bag liner is filled, a closed end of the compacted inner bag liner being provided with a cover to retain said inner bag liner in said compacted condition prior to use.

2. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coupling component is in the form of an

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adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the second hole and having a surface for adhesive sealing against the second surface of the base plate, said first and second coupling components being configured to allow the inner bag liner to be removed and replaced with a new inner bag liner while reusing the receiving bag.

3. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 2 wherein an outer diameter of the first coupling component is greater than an inner diameter of the second coupling component.

4. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 2 wherein a peel strength of the adhesive sealing of the first coupling component is greater than a peel strength of the second coupling component.

5. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the second coupling component is in the form of one or more coupling rings and wherein an outer diameter of the first coupling component is smaller than an inner diameter of the second coupling component.

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6. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inner bag liner is provided with a membrane allowing intestinal gas to escape but is impermeable to liquids.

7. (Currently Amended) An ostomy appliance comprising:

an adhesive wafer, said adhesive wafer having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter, said adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest;

a receiving bag attached to the adhesive wafer, said receiving bag having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and a receiving bag bottom portion which defines a distal-most part of the receiving bag relative to said second hole; and

a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving bag and being releasably and reattachably attachable to the adhesive wafer by a coupling component, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said coupling component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for releasable and reattachable sealing against a first surface of the adhesive wafer, and said inner bag

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liner having folds along folding lines such that said inner bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being provided between the third hole and an inner bag liner bottom portion which defines a distal-most part of the inner bag liner relative to the third hole both when the inner bag liner is folded and when said inner bag liner is fully unfolded inside the receiving bag to reach a distal-most position relative to said third hole so that, when the inner bag liner is empty and in said compacted condition, said inner bag liner bottom portion is in a folded position adjacent said third hole such that initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter will push against said inner bag liner bottom portion thus causing the folds to unfold so that said inner bag liner bottom portion moves away from said folded position adjacent the third hole to said distal-most position relative to said third hole as the liner is filled, a closed end of the compacted inner bag liner being provided with a cover to retain said inner bag liner in said compacted condition prior to use.

8. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the inner bag liner when compacted lengthwise forms a disc-like structure having an outer diameter less than the inner diameter of the first coupling component.

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9. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the folding of said liner along said folding lines forms a bellows.

10. (Previously Presented) The ostomy appliance as claimed in claim 1 wherein the folding of said liner along said folding lines forms a telescopic bellows.

11. (Canceled).

12. (Currently Amended) A disposable inner bag liner having an open end for receiving effluents or waste products of the body and for use together with an ostomy appliance having an adhesive wafer to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest and a receiving bag having a receiving bag hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said disposable inner bag liner comprising a liner hole in said open end for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and having a closed end being capable of forming a bag inside the receiving bag, an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the liner hole and having a surface for releasable sealing against a surface of the adhesive wafer, said inner bag liner having folds along folding lines such

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that said inner bag liner is compacted lengthwise prior to use, said folds being provided between the liner hole and an inner bag liner bottom portion which defines a distal-most part of the inner bag liner relative to said liner hole both when the inner bag liner is folded and when said inner bag liner is fully unfolded inside the receiving bag to reach a distal-most position relative to said liner hole so that, when the inner bag liner is empty and in said compacted condition, said inner bag liner bottom portion is in a folded position adjacent said liner hole such that initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter will push against said inner bag liner bottom portion thus causing said folds to unfold so that said inner bag liner bottom portion moves away from said folded position adjacent the liner hole to said distal-most position relative to said liner hole as the liner is filled, said closed end of the compacted inner bag liner being provided with a cover that retains said inner bag liner in said compacted condition prior to use.

13. (Previously Presented) The disposable inner bag liner as claimed in claim 12 wherein the inner bag liner is provided with a membrane allowing intestinal gas to escape from the inner bag liner but is impermeable to liquids.

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14. (Currently Amended) A method of applying to an ostomate an ostomy appliance comprising a base plate, said base plate having a first hole for receiving a stoma, ureter, or catheter and an adhesive wafer having a first surface to be attached to the wearer's abdomen, back, or chest; a receiving bag releasably and reattachably attachable to the base plate, said receiving bag having a second hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter and a receiving bag bottom portion which defines a distal-most part of the receiving bag relative to said second hole; and a disposable inner bag liner forming a second bag inside the receiving bag and being releasably and reattachably attachable to the base plate, said disposable inner bag liner having a third hole for receiving wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter, said inner bag liner being compacted lengthwise by folds along folding lines to form a disc-like structure, said folds being provided between said third hole and an inner bag liner bottom portion which defines a distal-most part of the inner bag liner relative to the third hole both when the inner bag liner is folded and when said inner bag liner is fully unfolded ~~in-folded~~ inside the receiving bag to reach a distal-most position relative to said third hole so that, when the inner bag liner is empty and in said compacted condition, said inner bag liner bottom portion is in a folded

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position adjacent said third hole such that initial wastes exiting the stoma, ureter or catheter will push against said inner bag liner bottom portion causing said folds to unfold so that said inner bag liner bottom portion moves away from said folded position adjacent the third hole to said distal-most position as the liner is filled, said inner bag liner being releasably and reattachably attachable to the base plate in a first coupling area by a first coupling component and the receiving bag being releasably and reattachably attachable to the base plate by a second coupling component, said first coupling component being in the form of an adhesive flange projecting from the rim of the third hole and having a surface for adhesive sealing against a second surface of the base plate facing away from the user, said method comprising:

locating the stoma and applying the base plate;

locating the inner bag liner and securing said inner bag liner in said compacted condition by placing a cover on a closed end of said inner bag liner, said cover being removed in use of said inner bag liner by automatic unfolding of said bag liner in response to receipt of waste exiting said stoma, ureter or catheter entering said third hole of said inner bag liner; and

applying and sealing the inner bag liner ~~same~~ to the first coupling area;

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removing a release liner covering said first coupling component; and

attaching the receiving member to the base plate.

Claims 15-18. (Canceled).